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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE & DIRECTIVES DIVISION, OSD

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)  
to RADN Jose Angel ALVAREZ, Argentine Navy

This office concurs in the proposed award and the wording of the citation of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to RADN Jose Angel Alvarez, in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina in the United States during the period February 1973 to January 1974.

The Department of State and the Defense Intelligence Agency concur in the proposed award and in the wording of the citation.

SIGNED

DAVID V. QUANT  
Acting Director  
Inter-American Region

Enclosure  
Department of State Letter  
with enclosures

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Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Chief, RDD, ESD, WHS

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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

18 SEP 1975

In reply refer to:  
I-25084/75

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)  
to RADM Jose Angel ALVAREZ, Argentine Navy

The Department of the Navy has proposed the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to RADM Jose Angel ALVAREZ, Argentine Navy, in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina in the United States during the period February 1973 to January 1974.

It is requested that the enclosures be reviewed and that this memorandum be signed in the space provided below if you concur in the award and the wording of the citation.

*David W. Quant*

DAVID W. QUANT  
Acting Director  
Inter-American Region

Enclosure  
Memorandum for SecDef  
w/3 Enclosures

Department of State Concur: *[Signature]*  
Wording of Citation Approved.

2/10/75  
Date

Department of State Objects: \_\_\_\_\_  
See Separate Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

9 September 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subj: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to RADM Jose Angel ALVAREZ, Argentine Navy -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

Ref: (a) DOD DIR 1005.12 of 17 Oct 68 (Armed Forces Decorations for Foreign Military Personnel)

Encl: (1) Background data  
(2) Citation  
(3) Certificate

In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1), a recommendation for the award of a Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Rear Admiral Jose Angel ALVAREZ, Argentine Navy, is forwarded for your approval. The proposed award to Rear Admiral ALVAREZ is in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina in the United States during the period February 1973 to January 1974. The United States Ambassador to Argentina and the United States Defense Attache, Buenos Aires, concur in the presentation of this award.

It is recommended that this award, if approved, be presented in Argentina as determined by the United States Naval Attache, Buenos Aires.

If the award meets with your approval, it is requested that enclosures (2) and (3) be signed.

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J. William Middendorf II  
Secretary of the Navy

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CNO ltr Ser 009L/S90362 of 21 August 1975

From: Senior Member, Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals  
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: Legion of Merit in the Degree of Officer; recommendation for case  
of Rear Admiral Jose Angel ALVAREZ, Argentine Navy

1. Readdressed and forwarded for processing.
2. The Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals recommends approval and has recorded the subject award.

*R. W. Highberg*  
R. W. HIGHBERG  
By direction

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

IN REPLY REFER TO  
Ser 009L/S90362  
21 AUG 1975

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encls (2) through (6))~~

From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: Secretary of the Navy (Navy Department Board of  
Decorations and Medals)

Subj: Legion of Merit; recommendation for (U)

Encl: (1) Proposed citation for RADM Jose Angel Alvarez  
(2) USDAO msg 101620Z Jul 75  
(3) CNO msg 271847Z Jun 75  
(4) DIA ltr ser S/NFD - 62944/DS-6 of 26 Dec 74  
(5) DIRNAVINSERV ltr ser U1445 of 20 May 74  
(6) Biographic data on RADM Alvarez

1. It is recommended that the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, be presented to Rear Admiral Jose Angel Alvarez, Argentine Navy. The U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and his country team concur with this recommendation.

2. Rear Admiral Alvarez distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service from February 1973, to January 1974, while serving in Washington, D.C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina. Throughout this period, Rear Admiral Alvarez's untiring efforts reinforced the strong bonds of mutual trust and respect which exist between the Argentine Navy and the U.S. Navy. His keen understanding of the importance of cooperation between the two services furthered the mutual goals of both navies. Serving as an effective spokesman of his government, Rear Admiral Alvarez sought and maintained an energetic and informative dialogue with representatives of the Department of the Navy which consistently lent itself to a frank exchange of opinions and perspectives of great value to the U.S. Navy and contributed significantly to the usefulness of Free-World sea power as an instrument for hemispheric security. His exceptional devotion to duty and exemplary professional competence are in the highest tradition of the Argentine Navy.

3. It is anticipated that the award, if approved, will be presented by the U.S. Ambassador in Argentina or his designated representative.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

H. E. SIVALL  
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY

2203935 VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

PROPOSED CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE LEGION OF MERIT  
(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

REAR ADMIRAL JOSE ANGEL ALVAREZ

ARGENTINE NAVY

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from February 1973, to January 1974, while serving in Washington, D.C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina. Throughout this period, Rear Admiral Alvarez has consistently served as an effective spokesman of his government and has distinguished himself through his concerted efforts to establish and maintain an incisive and informative dialogue with representatives of the Department of the Navy regarding matters of mutual naval interest. His keen understanding of the importance of cooperation between the two navies has resulted in a frank exchange of opinions and perspectives which have been of inestimable value to the U.S. Navy and have contributed significantly to the usefulness of multi-lateral seapower as an instrument of hemispheric security and world peace. Rear Admiral Alvarez's exceptional devotion to duty, exemplary professional competence and dynamic leadership are in the highest tradition of the Argentine Navy and, have reflected great credit upon his nation and himself.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ROUTINE

R 101620Z JUL 75

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TO CND WASHDC

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COMNAVINTCOM ALEX VA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NOFORN 076 JUL 75

SUBJ: LEGION OF MERIT AWARD (U)

REF: A. CND 271844Z JUN 75

B. CND 271847Z JUN 75

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ AMBASSADOR AND [REDACTED] CONCUR WITH DESIRABILITY OF AWARDING LEGION OF MERIT TO PERSONNEL STATED REFS A & B. HOWEVER, NEITHER AMBASSADOR NOR [REDACTED] KNOW THESE OFFICERS SINCE BOTH HAVE BEEN IN A RETIRED STATUS SINCE RETURNING TO ARGENTINA..
2. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TO BEST OF KNOWLEDGE INDIVIDUALS HAVE NOT MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS US GOVT SHOULD AWARD BE MADE.
3. (U) BIO DATA ON THESE OFFICERS IS CURRENT.
4. IF APPROVED AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOLD CEREMONY IN EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

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DIA FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3); 10 U.S.C. § 4424

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ENCLOSURE (2) TO CNO STAFF

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FROM: CNO WASHINGTON DC

TO: [REDACTED]

INFO DIA WASHINGTON DC

COMNAVINTCOM ALEXANDRIA VA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ //NO1650//

LEGION OF MERIT AWARD {U}

1. ~~CC NED~~ RADM JOSE ANGEL ALVAREZ, AR NAVY IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A LEGION OF MERIT AWARD {DEGREE OF OFFICER} FOR HIS SERVICE AS NAVAL ATTACHE, WASH DC FM FEB 73 TO JAN 74.

2. {U} REQ AMBASSADOR AND [REDACTED] BY MSG REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF PRESENTING SUBJ AWARD. MSG SHOULD INCLUDE REMARK ON WHETHER OR NOT INDIVIDUAL HAS MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS U.S. GOVT SHOULD THE AWARD BE GIVEN.

3. ~~CC NED~~ REQ YOU PROVIDE DIA WITH UPDATED BIO-DATA ON RADM JOSE ANGEL ALVAREZ.

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ENCLOSURE (3) TO CNO SERIAL 52036

DIA FOIA 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(3); 10 U.S.C. §424





**DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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~~S/ATD~~ 62944/DS-6

26 DEC 1974

TO: Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of the Navy  
ATTN: OPO9B  
Washington, D. C. 20380

SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Award

Reference: Your letter, Ser 009L/C15249, dated 10 December 1974,  
subject as above.

1. The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the award of  
the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to the following  
Naval officers:

~~—~~Rear Admiral Jose A. Alvarez, Argentina  
Rear Admiral Alan G. McFarlane, Australia  
Rear Admiral Reginald J. Pickford, Canada  
Vice Admiral Luis Eberhard, Chile  
Rear Admiral Wang Hsi-ling, China  
Captain Manuel Torres, Columbia —  
Rear Admiral Aurelio Maldonado, Ecuador  
Vice Admiral Andre R. Gelinet, France —  
Commander Christos Douzinas, Greece.  
Captain Yasuhiro Tamagawa, Japan —  
Commodore Hong Ki-Kyong, Korea  
Vice Admiral Carlos Valenzuela, Mexico  
Vice Admiral Arce Larco, Peru  
Commander Jose Marcal Ferraz, Portugal  
Rear Admiral Angel L. Liberal, Spain —  
Captain Lennart Nils Lindgren, Sweden —  
Rear Admiral Ifran Tinaz, Turkey

2. Based upon a review of intelligence and security files  
there is no information currently available to indicate that  
presentation of the awards to these individuals would either  
depreciate the decorations or embarrass the U.S. Government.

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22331

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20 MAY 1974

From: Director, Naval Investigative Service  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-009L)

Subj: Counterintelligence records check; request for

Ref: (a) OP-009L Memo Ser C96-74 of 22 Apr 1974

1. Reference (a) requested a counterintelligence records check on eight foreign Naval officers being considered for the Legion of Merit.
2. Appropriate records checks were conducted at agencies of the Seat of Government and at this Service with no derogatory information being developed.

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W. J. SCHAEFER  
By direction



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DIA E.O. 13526 Section 3.3(b)(1)+FOIA 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(3); 10 U.S.C. §424+FOIA 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6)



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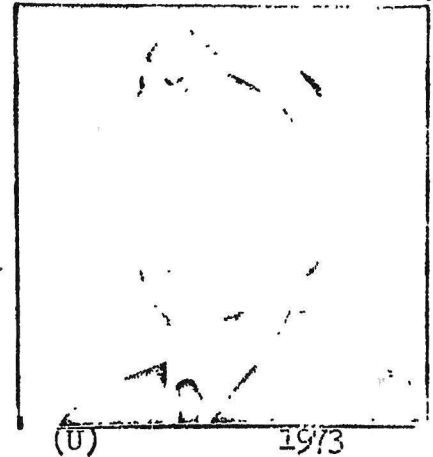
Rear Adm (Ret) José Angel ALVAREZ

December 1974

(U) NAME: Rear Adm (Ret) José Angel Alvarez  
(AHL-vah-ress), Navy.

(U) POSITION: Retired since Dec 1973.

~~(S/REF)~~ SIGNIFICANCE: A line officer, Rear Adm Alvarez had many communications and scientific billets, both ashore and afloat, and was considered one of the Argentine Navy's experts on the Antarctic. He is a very intelligent person and : received his Master's of Science Degree from Texas A&M University. He was forced to retire when former President Juan Domingo Perón selected a junior Rear Admiral over him and several other Admirals to be Commander General of the Navy.



~~(S/REF)~~ POLITICS:

~~(S/REF)~~ International:

He served as Naval Attaché and Navy Delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board, in the U.S., graduated from the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and has travelled officially to the U.S. and to Norway.

~~(S/REF)~~ Internal: Rear Adm Alvarez has been reticent about commenting on domestic politics, but has stated a need for Argentina to become more self sufficient. In Jan 1973 he allegedly was strongly anti-Peronist.

~~(S/REF)~~ PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth:

~~(S/REF)~~ Family:

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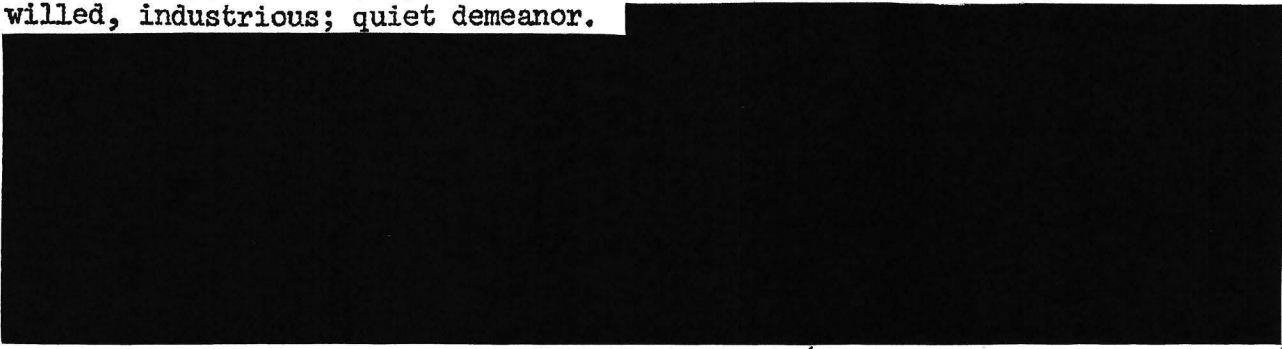
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ARGENTINA

Rear Adm (Ret) José Angel ALVAREZ  
December 1974

(S/INT) Description: Caucasian. Medium, slender build (5'6"-5'8", 145-155 lbs); green eyes, brown thinning hair; wears a mustache; strong willed, industrious; quiet demeanor.



(U) Languages: Native Spanish, excellent English, good Italian, fair French, poor German.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing).

(U) Decorations: Not known.

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Mar 1953-Dec 1955), receiving Bachelor's of Science Degree in meteorology. Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas (Sept 1962-July 1963), receiving Master's of Science Degree.

(U) CAREER:

1941-1945	-Cadet, Naval Academy, Río Santiago Naval Base, Jan 1941-July 1945. Commissioned Passed Midshipman, 31 July 1945.
1946	-Assistant Navigation Officer, cruiser <u>La Argentina</u> .
1947	-Assistant Gunnery Officer, destroyer <u>La Rioja</u> .
1948	-Executive Officer, sea tug <u>Ona</u> .
1949	-Turret Officer, cruiser <u>Almirante Brown</u> .
1950	-Communications Officer, tanker <u>P.C. Guetia</u> .
1951	-Officer in charge, naval detachment. Student, Naval Postgraduate School, Puerto Belgrano.
1952	-Assistant Communications Officer, cruiser <u>La Argentina</u> . Official visit to Norway to visit the Norst Polar Institute, July.
1953	-Assistant Research Officer, transport <u>La Florida</u> . Training Officer, cruiser <u>La Rioja</u> .
1954	-Communications Officer, cruiser <u>La Argentina</u> .

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ARGENTINA

Rear Adm (Ret) José Angel ALVAREZ  
December 1974

1955 -Chief, Antarctic Division, Naval Hydrographic Service,  
Buenos Aires.

1956-1957 -Argentine Representative, International Antarctic Weather  
Center, Antarctica. Official visit to U.S. to visit  
weather bureaus, Aug-Oct 1956. Promoted to Lt Cdr,  
31 Dec 1956. Member, "wintered-over party", Antarctica,  
Dec 1956-Feb 1957.

1958 -Assigned to the Buenos Aires Weather Center, Naval  
Hydrographic Service, Buenos Aires.

1959 -Student, General Course, Naval War School, Buenos Aires.

1960 -Commander, research vessel Capitán Canena.

1961 -Executive Officer, destroyer Buenos Aires. Promoted to  
Cdr, 31 Dec 1961.

1962 -Instructor, Naval War School.

1962-1963 -Student, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas,  
Sept 1962-Aug 1963, earning Master's of Science Degree.

1963 -Assigned to the Technical Section, Naval Hydrographic  
Service, Buenos Aires.

1964-1965 -Officer in charge, Scientific Division, Río de la Plata  
Survey Project, Naval Hydrographic Service.

1965-1966 -Commander, icebreaker General San Martín and Commander  
of the Antarctic Group.

1966 -Executive Officer, cruiser 9 de Julio. Promoted to  
Capt, 31 Dec 1966.

1967-1968 -Technical Secretary, Naval Hydrographic Service,  
Buenos Aires.

1968-1969 -Student, Naval Command Course, U.S. Naval War College,  
Newport, Rhode Island, Aug 1968-June 1969.

1969 -Commander, cruiser 9 de Julio.

1970 -Commander, 2d Destroyer Division.

1971 -Promoted to Rear Adm, 31 Dec 1971.

1973 -Naval Attaché and Navy Delegate, Inter-American Defense  
Board, Washington, D.C., Feb-Dec. Also accredited as  
Naval Attaché to Ottawa, Canada. Attended 3d International  
Maritime Symposium, Newport, Rhode Island, Oct.

1973 -Retired from Dec 1973.

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE LEGION OF MERIT  
(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

REAR ADMIRAL JOSE ANGEL ALVAREZ  
ARGENTINE NAVY

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from February 1973 to January 1974 while serving in Washington, D. C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina.

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Rear Admiral Alvarez's exemplary professional competence, dynamic leadership, and exceptional devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in the highest traditions of the Argentine Navy.

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# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 20, 1942  
HAS AWARDED

## THE LEGION OF MERIT

(Degree of Officer)

TO

Rear Admiral Jose Angel Alvarez  
Argentine Navy

FOR

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT  
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

from February 1973 to January 1974

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON  
THIS DAY OF 19

*John F. Kennedy*



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